

ADOPTION OF EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (EA/EIS)

Part I. Proposed Action Description

Applicant/Contact Name & Address: Montana Ditch Company, PO Box 796, Townsend MT 59644
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Type of Action: Application to Change and Existing Water Right

Location Affected by Action: Section 4, T7N, R2E, Broadwater County

Narrative Summary of Proposed Action: The Applicant proposes to change the place of use and add places of storage to Statement of Claim No. 40259-00. The Applicant proposes to construct two water impoundments approximately 8 acres, and 11.5 acres in size, 11.17 AF and 22.14 AF in capacity respectfully, for wetland habitat. A new secondary diversion will be installed to divert water from the Montana Ditch to the project located in the NE of Section 4, T7N, R2E, Broadwater County. The applicant will retire 69.1 acres of historically irrigated ground.

Part II. Existing Environmental Review Information

Title: Canyon Ferry Wildlife Management Area Pond Construction Project

Publication Date: May 2016

Lead Agency: Montana Department of Fish Wildlife and Parks

Location Where Interested Parties Can View or Obtain the Document:

http://fwp.mt.gov/news/publicNotices/environmentalAssessments/developmentImprovementsAndEnhancements/pn_0359.html

Part III. Criteria for Adopting Existing Environmental Review

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Does the existing environmental review cover an action paralleling or closely related to the proposed action? |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Is the information in the existing environmental review accurate and clearly presented? |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Is the information in the existing environmental review applicable to the action being considered? |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Were all appropriate Agencies consulted during preparation of the existing environmental review? |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Were alternatives to the proposed action evaluated as part of the existing environmental review effort? |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Have all of the impacts of the proposed action been accurately identified as part of the existing environmental review? |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | If the existing environmental review identifies any significant impacts as a result of the proposed action, will they be mitigated below the level of significance? |

Part IV. Conclusion

If the answers to ALL of the questions listed above are "Yes", the existing environmental review can be considered sufficient to satisfy DNRC's MEPA review responsibilities.

Yes___ No_X Based on the criteria evaluated in the existing EA, is an EIS required?

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